

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 6-15-89

FULL NAME Howard Wayne Speice  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

S.S. NO. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Stone Mountain STATE Georgia ZIP CODE 30083

DATE OF BIRTH 10-31-46 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY (Citizen of) USA

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 200 lbs HEIGHT 5'9" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS 'Beer belly'

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☐ NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T149	Stone Mtn.	GA	SM	3/89	5/24/89 (Resigned)

Chartered Organization St Stephen Lutheran Church

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

INCIDENT: TYPE (see below) DATE OF INCIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_  
Type Resolution

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1=Scout Related                            | 1. Internal (only Scouts Know) |
| 2=Non-scout related                        | 2. Criminal action             |
| 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth) | 3. Court action                |
|  | 4. Probationary status         |
|  | 5. Reported to state agency    |

Check off list of attached documentation

- ☒ 1. Description of incident **NOTED**
- ☐ 2. Victim(s) statement
- ☐ 3. media reports **JUL 17 1989**
- ☐ 4. Legal proceedings
- ☐ 5. Offender's statement **JOSEPH L ANGLIM**
- ☒ 6. Official notification of termination
- ☒ 7. Found guilty/innocent by court

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**JUN 21 1989**

**F. STARON**

Council Atlanta Area Signed [Signature] **DF5**  
#92 SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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July 21, 1989

READY FOR FILE  
JUL 18 1989  
JULIE EATON

Mr. Archie R. Grain  
Scout Executive  
Atlanta Area Council, No. 92

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HOWARD WAYNE SPEICE

Dear Archie:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

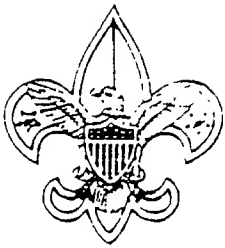
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

100 Edgewood Ave., 4th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Phone 404-577-4810

6/13/89

Re. Howard Speice Removal as SM

Spoke to Robert Wilson, District Attorney in DeKalb County, GA to verify the facts on Mr. Speice's reported probation by the Pastor of St Stephen Lutheran Church.

Mr. Wilson confirmed the probation and mailed the attached documents.

*Robert Wilson*  
D/S

Mr. Wilson



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Metropolitan Atlanta United Way  
Covington-Newton County United Fund

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THE STATE OF GEORGIA

VS W/M 10-31-46

HOWARD WAYNE SPEICE

September TERM, 19 87

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLEA:		<input type="checkbox"/> VERDICT:		OTHER DISPOSITION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GUILTY ON COUNT(S) <u>1</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> JURY		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOLLE PROSEQUI ORDER	
<input type="checkbox"/> NOLO CONTENDERE ON		<input type="checkbox"/> NON-JURY		ON COUNT(S) <u>2</u>	
COUNT(S) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> NOT GUILTY ON		<u>(Ct. 2 merged with Ct. 1)</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> TO LESSER INCLUDED		COUNT(S) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> DEAD DOCKET ORDER ON	
OFFENSE(S) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> GUILTY OF INCLUDED		COUNT(S) _____	
ON COUNT(S) _____		OFFENSE(S) OF _____		(SEE SEPARATE ORDER)	
		ON COUNT(S) _____			

Ct. 1 ☒ FELONY SENTENCE ☐ MISDEMEANOR SENTENCE

WHEREAS, the above-named defendant has been found guilty of the above-stated offense, WHEREUPON, it is ordered and adjudged by the

Court that: The said defendant is hereby sentenced to confinement for a period of 10 years Probation

in the State Penal System or such other institution as the Commissioner of the State Department of Offender Rehabilitation may direct, to be computed as provided by law.

HOWEVER, it is further ordered by the Court:

☒ 1) THAT the above sentence may be served on probation

☐ 2) THAT upon service of \_\_\_\_\_ of the above sentence, the remainder of \_\_\_\_\_ may be served on probation

PROVIDED that the said defendant complies with the following general and other conditions herein imposed by the Court as a part of this sentence.

☐ FIRST OFFENDER SENTENCE

WHEREAS, the above-named defendant has been found guilty of the above-stated offense, and; WHEREAS, said defendant has not previously been convicted of a felony nor availed himself of the provision of the First Offender Act (Ga. Laws 1968, p. 324).

NOW, THEREFORE, the defendant consenting hereto, it is the judgment of this Court that no judgment of guilt or sentence be imposed at this time, but that further proceedings are deferred and defendant is hereby placed on probation for the period of \_\_\_\_\_ from this date provided that said defendant complies with the following general and special conditions herein imposed by the Court as part of this sentence:

PROVIDED, further, that upon violation of the terms of probation, the Court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed to sentence defendant to the maximum sentence provided by law. Upon fulfillment of the terms of probation, or upon release of the defendant by the Court prior to the termination of the period thereof, the defendant shall stand discharged of said offense charged and shall be completely exonerated of guilt of said offense charged.

Let a copy of this Order be forwarded to the Office of the State Probation System of Georgia, and to the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

☒ GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

The defendant, having been granted the privilege of serving all or part of the above-stated sentence on probation, hereby is sentenced to the following general conditions of probation:

- ☒ 1) THAT defendant not violate any State or Federal laws to be adjudged by the Court;
- ☒ 2) THAT defendant make regular reports to the Adult Probation Officer of DeKalb County as directed;
- ☒ 3) THAT defendant keep the Adult Probation Officer of DeKalb County informed at all times of the defendant's place of employment and residence address;
- ☐ 4) THAT defendant shall, from time to time upon oral or written request by any probation officer, produce a breath, urine, and/or blood specimen for analysis for the possible presence of a substance prohibited or controlled by any law of the state of Georgia or of the United States;
- ☒ 5) THAT defendant pay a fine in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus \$50.00 or 10% of said fine, which ever is less pursuant to the O.C.G.A. 15-21-70 and pay restitution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, probation fee \$ 2,000, Court cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ attorney's fee through the adult probation officer as provided by said officer.

☒ OTHER CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant abide by all other general conditions of probation as set forth herein: The defendant is to be placed on Intensive Probation for the first 2 years of Probation, or until a period of time not to exceed 2 years. Defendant must later have and successfully complete the South DeKalb Mental Health Reentry Program.

IT IS THE FURTHER ORDER of the Court, and the defendant is hereby advised that the Court may, at any time, revoke any conditions of this probation and/or discharge the defendant from probation. The probationer shall be subject to arrest for violation of any condition of probation herein granted. If such probation is revoked, the Court may order the execution of the sentence which was originally imposed or any portion thereof in the manner provided by law after deducting therefrom the amount of time the defendant has served on probation.

Program, as directed by Adult Probation.

So ordered this 11th day of September, 19 87 James H. Zwick

Judge, DeKalb Superior Courts

Original - Clerk  
Duplicate - District Attorney  
Triplicate - Probation Office

Filed in Open Court, this 11th day of Sept, 19 87 James Wilson

COUNT TWO

The GRAND JURORS, selected, chosen and sworn for the County of DeKalb, aforesaid, in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, charge and accuse \_\_\_\_\_  
HOWARD WAYNE SPEICE

of the County and State aforesaid, with the offense of \_\_\_\_\_  
STATUTORY RAPE

for that the said accused person \_\_\_\_\_ in the County aforesaid, on the  
7th day of February 19 87

did engage in sexual intercourse with [REDACTED] a  
female under the age of 14 years, not his spouse,

contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

DEKALB SUPERIOR COURT

ROBERT E. WILSON, District Attorney  
Special Presentment

CONF011918

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY.

THE GRAND JURORS selected, chosen and sworn for the County of DeKalb, to-wit:



in the name and behalf of the citizens of Georgia, charge and accuse

..HOWARD WAYNE SPEICE.....  
with the offense of: —

..CHILD MOLESTATION.....  
for that said accused, in the County of DeKalb and State of Georgia, on the

..7th.. day of .....February..... 19 .. 87

did an immoral and indecent act to [REDACTED] a child  
under 14 years of age, with intent to arouse and satisfy the sexual  
desires of said accused; said acts being, that Howard Wayne Speice  
placed his hand on the vagina of [REDACTED]

contrary to the laws of said State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

ROBERT E. WILSON, District Attorney  
Special Presentment

June 12, 1989

READY FOR FILE

JUN 13 1989

Mr. Bradford M. Nesheim  
Director of Field Service  
Atlanta Area Council, No. 92

JULIE EATON

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HOWARD SPEICE

Dear Brad:

Thank you very much for the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most complete and certainly should enable us to place Mr. Speice on the Confidential File and refuse registration in the future.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed to the best of your ability. Please give us as much information as possible, so that we can identify Mr. Speice anywhere he might attempt registration.

If you are able to get more information in the way of newspaper clippings or court records related to this case, we also would appreciate that. These are not necessary but would strengthen our file.

Thanks again for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

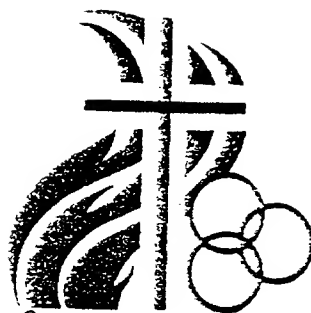
cc: Southeast Region  
Archia R. Graff-Scout Executive, Council No. 92

CONF011920

ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Decatur, GA 30035

PASTOR DON REHNER



*Come Share the Spirit!*

5/24/89

Dear Mr. Neshiam,

I regretfully report to you that I have found it necessary to remove ~~Mr. Howard Speice~~ from the position of Scoutmaster of Troop 149. I recently learned from a confidential source, whom I believe to be reliable, that Mr. Speice is serving a 12 year probated sentence for child molesting. The alleged crime took place in Stone Mountain Park approximately three years ago. I learned about this just yesterday.

I request that you utilize your legal contacts to verify this report if possible. If you should learn that this report is untrue, please inform me so that I can try to undo the injustice to Mr. Speice. But if it is true, I request that you notify the national office to prevent his continued participation in Scouting.

Unfortunately, I have only an unofficial source for this information. But as Executive Officer, I am not willing to take the chance and give Mr. Speice the benefit of the doubt. I am certain that there have been NO scandalous episodes since Mr. Speice has been our Scoutmaster because I have attended every meeting since that time. Also, we have had no overnight outings since Mr. Speice has been Scoutmaster. I am thankful for this. Yet, should this report be true, it would call into question the credibility of our Scouting program, my personal ministry and the ministry of St. Stephen congregation if we failed to take swift action.

Please remove Mr. Speice from our charter as soon as possible. Also, let us keep this knowledge between us. Of course, you may inform Duncan Locke and the national office. I plan to share this only with my Bishop, Harold Skilrud. In a small congregation like St. Stephen, I would not want this kind of information to become "grapevine" news. Especially since I do not have any hard, official proof. It would serve no healthy purpose to share this with my people, as far as I can foresee.

Enclosed are the correspondence which I have sent to Mr. Speice and the Scout parents to inform them of Mr. Speice's departure. Thankyou for your swift action and cooperation in this matter.

*Rev. Don Rehner*

In His Service, Rev. Don Rehner  
Executive Officer, Troop 149

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ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Decatur, GA 30035

PASTOR DON REHNER



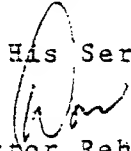
Dear Mr. Speice,

Due to your apparent busy schedule which has caused inconsistent attendance at our Scout meetings, I feel it necessary to seek out another Scoutmaster.

We have appreciated your willingness to serve but our fledgling program needs a Scoutmaster who can offer more time to the program. Following Easter break, we had two meetings but no leader or program so I had to send the boys back home. Since then, we have not met at all and I have not heard from you, and our parents are disillusioned.

Enclosed is a copy of the notice which I am sending out to our Scout parents so that they are aware of the change. Again, thank you for your time, efforts, and willingness to serve.

In His Service,

  
Pastor Rehner  
Exec. Officer, Troop 149

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ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Decatur, GA 30035



PASTOR DON REHNER

Dear Scout Parents,

As you are aware, since Easter, our Scouting program has been nearly non-existent. As the Executive Officer of Troop 149, I have appointed Mr. Wilbert Merriweather to hold the title of Scoutmaster so that our troop can remain officially chartered. Because of his personal schedule, Mr. Speice is unable to continue in this position.

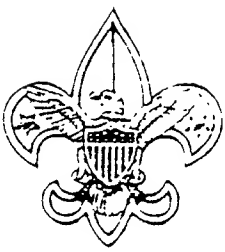
Between now and the Fall, please keep your eyes and ears open for some who could serve with vigor as our Scoutmaster so that we can rejuvenate our program in September. I believe in the values of Scouting. With your help and the Lord's guidance, let us pray for a fresh, productive start in September.

Thankyou for your committment to Scouting.

In His Service,

Pastor Rehner  
Exec. Officer, Troop 149

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ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

100 Edgewood Ave., 4th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Phone 404-577-4810

5/23/89

5:15 PM

Pastor Don Rehner  
St. Stephens Lutheran Church



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He called to inform us that just this afternoon he became aware of reasons to remove the participation of Troop 149, chartered to the church, from the program. He wanted it noted that he is responding as gently as he knew about the situation. He has from every legitimate source, discovered that Howard Speer, the SM, is serving a probation sentence of 12 years for child molestation.

He will inform Mr. Speer immediately that the church is securing a new SM and his services are no longer needed. He also wants to be sure that the



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CALL BACK REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL #

92

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PHONE NO:

On-Line \_\_\_\_\_

Batch \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER:

BRAD NESHEIM

POSITION:

DFS

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

DEBIT \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM CODE

&amp; UNIT #

RENEWAL DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

ID #

FILM #

ID # 169151

SM

HAWKWOOD

TREVIE

Deleted from  
reg file

B/4 10/46

LUTHERAN CHURCH

~~PRER~~ TALKED TO POLICE OFFICER

SM IS ON PROBATION FOR

CHILD ABUSE

Added to CF  
file  
5/24/89  
cm

SOLUTION:

CHURCH IS SENDING INFO

NAME

P. Ent

DATE

5-24-89

TIME